

Want to learn more about JARPA?

Call the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), Jennifer Krebs, 510-464-7977 or the San Francisco Estuary Project (SFEP), Carol Thornton at 510-622-2419.

Services available:

- On-going workshops
- Assistance coordinating with state, regional, federal and local agencies

State, Regional and Federal Contacts

California Department of Fish and Game
(707) 944-5500

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/org/region3.html>

San Francisco Bay
Regional Water Quality Control Board
(510) 622-2300
<http://swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb2>

California Coastal Commission
(415) 904-5260
<http://coastal.ca.gov>

SF Bay Conservation and Development Commission
(415) 352-3600
<http://www.bcdc.ca.gov>

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
(415) 977-8461
<http://www.spn.usace.army.mil>

U.S. EPA, Region 9
(415) 972-3402
<http://www.epa.gov/region9/>

U.S. Coast Guard
(510) 437-3073
<http://www.uscg.mil>

GUIDE TO JARPA



The Bay Area Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application (JARPA) is a simplified permit application for development activities in or near Bay Area aquatic environments.

As is common throughout the country, many government agencies in the San Francisco Bay area are mandated to safeguard our aquatic environment – creeks, wetlands, the bay and coast. These agencies — state, regional, federal and local — have their own permitting requirements, processes, fees and timelines. Citizens who are beginning projects on or near a waterbody complain about the complicated, lengthy and sometimes confusing permitting process.

The Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application is an effort to simplify the application process for projects that may impact our local waterbodies. JARPA does not circumvent current regulations; it does provide a way for applicants to give the same information at the same time to all the involved permitting agencies. This one permit, then, makes it easier for applicants to begin and move through the permitting process.

How it works

1. Apply for local permits - these may be from your city, county or special district, and typically include building, zoning, and CEQA review
2. Complete the JARPA form as an application for ALL state, federal and regional agencies with jurisdiction over your project. The JARPA instructions provide information on agencies and their permitting requirements. ***Please ask for assistance if there is a question over jurisdiction or requirements***
3. Mail one copy of the JARPA form and appropriate fees to each agency with jurisdiction
4. Start your project when you have received a permit - the go-ahead - from each agency. ***Make sure to follow all permit conditions***

Benefits to applicants

- Reduced paperwork and processing time
- Improved information received by agencies
- Increased coordination among agencies
- Reduced permit violations

Role of Local Agencies

- CEQA review
- Give JARPA form and instructions to applicant
- Refer applicant to appropriate state, regional, federal and local agencies

What activities are covered under the JARPA permit application

- Any work in, over or on a stream (perennial, seasonal, or intermittent); wetland, bay, or any other waterbody deemed “waters of the state” or “waters of the U.S.”.

Please ask for assistance if in doubt

- Projects that are not directly in or on the waterbody, but may cause impacts; this is especially important in hillside areas; again, ***please ask for assistance if in doubt***

To download the JARPA form and instructions visit our website: <http://jarpa.abag.ca.gov>

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